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FIG. 7D is a block diagram of an embodiment of electronic content, according to principles of the invention;

FIG. 7E is a flow diagram showing steps of processing notification instructions, according to principles of the invention;

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Referring to FIG. 7D, the electronic content 138 may include electronic content 138b such as text, graphics, audio, video, and/or executable files. Electronic content 138 may also include notification instructions 138c that may be executable instructions that collect and transmit notification information. The notification instructions 138c may be configured to control access to the electronic content 138b. Further, different electronic content may use different file formats. When executed, notification instructions 138c can determine whether a previous attempt to access the electronic content 138b resulted in success (e.g., successful transmission of notification information or receipt of an access granting message). The notification instructions 138c may interactively collect notification information from a recipient. The notification instructions 138c may also collect information by querying the recipient's computer system.

FIG. 7E is a flow diagram showing steps of processing the notification instructions, according to principles of the invention, starting at step 700. At step 705, a check is made whether notification information was transmitted successfully previously. If successful, then the process continues at step 730. Otherwise, if the notification information has not been successfully transmitted, then at step 710, notification information may be collected. At step 715, an attempt to transmit the notification information may be made. At step 720, a check may be made to determine if the transmission of notification information was successful. If not successful, then at step

722, access is denied to the electronic content. If, however, the transmission of notification information was successful, then at step 725, an indicator may be stored indicating successful transmission. At step 730, a prompt for a password may occur. At step 735, a check may be made whether a correct password was entered. If the password was not correctly entered then, at step 750, an attempt to transmit notification information may occur. At step 755, access to electronic content may be denied. If, however, a correct password was entered, or, if not prompted for, then at step 740, access may be granted to the electronic content (e.g., decompress and decrypt). At step 745, an attempt to transmit notification information may occur.